



## ***YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION***

**Welcome to Bridge Kids!**

Thank you for your interest in serving in our Children's Ministry. It is a blessing to minister to the next generation and we are so glad you would like to join our team.

Bridge is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for children participating in ministry activities. The Bible clearly communicates the high value that God places on children. In Mark 10:14 Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in His arms, put his hands on them and blessed them." At Bridge, we desire to bring children to Jesus in a safe, nurturing environment where the love of God can be seen and felt.

In order to do all that we can to protect the children in our care, we place a high priority on the careful recruitment, placement, and ongoing supervision/training of all of our staff and child/youth serving volunteers; teachers, caregivers, and leaders who serve in our children's ministries.

This application gives you an opportunity to share about yourselves, your interest in volunteering and your experience.

For the kids,

Bridge Kids Staff

# Youth Volunteer Application

Please circle the ministry where you would like to serve:

Infant - 2 yrs. (nursery)

2nd - 3rd grade

2yrs. - 3 yrs.

4th - 5th grade

4yrs. - 5 yrs.

Hospitality:

--Check-in

Pre-K - 1st grade

--Foyer

Thursday Night Teachers

**Please complete all information requested below:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ (if applies)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly attend Bridge Christian Church? Yes No

Do you currently serve at Bridge? Yes No

If yes, which ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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Before attending Bridge, where did you formally attend?

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe when you accepted Jesus Christ as your savior and what that means to you.

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Please list all areas of your previous experience in children's ministry and/or another church leadership position.

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Please list any recent (last 2-3 yrs.) training you may have had which has contributed to your growth as a Christian or has helped prepare you as a leader.

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Why do you want to serve in our Children's Ministry at Bridge?

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# BRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## BRIDGE KIDS VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Serving is a privilege and our responsibility as Christians. Not only is it an important way to give back to the Lord through ministry, but it is also a great way to connect and build relationships within ministry. Volunteers are the “unsung heroes,” in Bridge Kids. The experiences the children have here at Bridge lay the foundation for their faith and can pay lifelong dividends to them and their family. This can only happen through committed volunteers like you! You are the backbone of this ministry and we want to thank you for serving the children!

**Please initial each item listed below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will, as a leader to the Children in Bridge Kids, conduct my public and private life according to the principles of the Word of God.

\_\_\_\_\_ I willingly commit to serve the children of Bridge by offering my time, talents, and compassion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not enter into this service lightly. I understand that it is my duty and responsibility to share God’s Word and love with every child under my care.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge the depth of this commitment; not only for the spiritual growth of the children, but also for their safety and well-being.

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to keep the commitment I am making as a Bridge Kids volunteer and will honor the scheduling policies of the volunteer ministry of my choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make every effort to make arrangements to cover my scheduled service time with another member of the Bridge Kids team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to show up on-time; 15 min. Before the scheduled service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Leader Commitment Letter

Dear Bridge Leader,

The Elders at Bridge Christian Church are so blessed to shepherd a body of believers that includes such a talented and dedicated group of leaders. We are thankful for each of you who voluntarily serve in various capacities. Our church is stronger because of your sacrificial efforts.

Our church is composed of a community of believers who have joined together to meet the spiritual and academic needs of the church and the greater community. When becoming a leader at Bridge, we ask that you agree to the standards of behavior outlined in this policy. The standards included provide a guideline of conduct we believe is in accordance with biblical standards and promote a healthy and growing church.

As a representative of Bridge, it is imperative that our actions are above reproach in all things. Violations of these standards are regarded as a breach of integrity and will result in disciplinary action from ministerial staff and/or elders, up to and including stepping down from leadership.

- God's Word teaches us that certain attributes are desired, including: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-24). These are to be sought, encouraged, and demonstrated in our relationships.
- Scripture further teaches us that certain behaviors should be avoided, including: theft, lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, backbiting, profanity, vulgarity, sexual promiscuity (including adultery, homosexual behavior, and premarital sex), drunkenness, and immodesty of dress (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:16-21; Colossians 3:5-17).
- Leaders are expected to join with a body of believers for worship and fellowship on a regular basis.
- These expectations are for public and personal life, including social media, the workplace, and so on.

It is very easy to overstep the purpose of the group or ministry you are leading by allowing conversation that does not build up or edify. We would expect leaders to lead in a way that discourages gossip, quiets dissent and seeks to bring clarity and truth to criticism of the church, its programs or its leaders. If you sense that anyone is upset or offended by the leadership of the church, we ask that you have them to speak directly to one of the Elders.

To that end, we are asking each of you to indicate your support and commitment to these requests by your signature below. We are also asking that you actively communicate this endeavor with all team members in your group, encouraging them to continue serving with you with the understanding that they do so under the care and oversight of the Elders.

If you have any questions or concerns about the direction the Elders have set forth, we would welcome you to meet privately with us to discuss those concerns. We treasure you and your love for the Kingdom of God and are honored to serve alongside you

Only through the grace of God,  
The Elders of Bridge Christian Church

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Date

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Print Name

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Your Signature

(Please return to our church office. Thank you.)

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